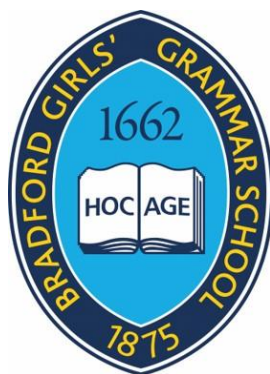


Bradford Girls' Grammar School

Educational Visits Policy 2025-26



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1. General Statement of Policy

Bradford Girls' Grammar School recognises the value of off-site visits to pupils as an enrichment to their studies, and to their personal and social development. Such visits can improve the individual's affiliation to the school and help generate positive relationships with their teachers.

EVOLVE visit notifications will, as a minimum, state

- the educational purpose of the visit,
- its aims and objectives and
- how it conforms to the school's curriculum aims.
- Staffing required
- Estimated cost

EVOLVE will be used to provide assurance that each visit is methodically and suitably planned.

Approval of visits will be outlined within the arrangements section of this policy.

Competencies required for the nominated Visit Leader and supervisors will be clearly defined.

Where the school uses external providers, the visit leader must satisfy themselves that they will deliver quality; have public liability insurance; and meet health & safety standards. This can be done by consulting Evolve; KADDI; and/or the use of E2 & E3 provider forms.

Risk assessments and procedures for managing risks will be in place for all risks that are reasonably foreseeable.

The timescales for the proposal, approval and departure of each visit will be included in the arrangements section of this policy in line with EVOLVE.

Suitable and sufficient information will be provided to parents to enable them to make an informed decision as to whether their child should accompany the trip.

No child will be allowed to embark on any visit without producing a consent form (either paper or electric) signed by their parent/guardian.

Every trip or visit will be subject to a review on EVOLVE.

2. Organisation

Responsibility for educational visits rests with the Governing Body and Headteacher. The respective roles of each are outlined within the Policy Handbook for Educational Visits available on Evolve and OEAP National Guidance web site.

The organisation will seek consent from parent/carers at the beginning of each year for trips taking place in that academic year. This consent will be used for visit that take place during the school day that are for academic purposes. All information any visits will be communicated in advance. For visits

outside of the school day/residential/ overseas or adventurous activities; individual consent will be sought for this visit.

Governing Body

The overseeing of educational visits will be undertaken by the Chair of Governors.

The person named above will be the nominated governor for Educational Visits, as outlined in the OEAP National Guidance for Managing Educational Visits at www.oeapng.info.

The Headteacher's will report any planned residential trips to the Chair of Governors at Local Governing Body meetings for approval, a minimum of 8 weeks prior to the date of residential.

An evaluation of the visit will be available to view on EVOLVE. This must be completed within a 28-day window following the visit. After 28 days this option is not available on Evolve.

Headteacher

The Headteacher will be responsible for ensuring that Educational Visits are planned in accordance with Leeds City Council's policies and procedures, that the supervisors are competent, physically and mentally fit.

The Headteacher will authorise all visits via EVOLVE.

The Headteacher will report visits planned and the results of the reviews of visits undertaken to the Local Governing Body.

Educational Visits Co-ordinator (EVC)

The school's Educational Visits Co-ordinators are:

- Kylie Ball

They will undertake duties as agreed between them and the Headteacher in line with the responsibilities listed in the Policy Handbook for Educational Visits.

The EVCs will be trained and fully conversant with the Policy Handbook for Educational Visits; OEAP National Guidance web site; and have access to the afPE Safe practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity.

Visit Leader

The Visit Leader will comply with the requirements outlined in the Policy Handbook for Educational Visits and their role as defined in the OEAP National Guidance web site.

The Visit Leader will ensure that the notification is completed on EVOLVE and that any activities or events that may place staff or pupils at significant risk are assessed and that safety measures are in place prior to the trip

taking place. All risk assessments and planning are to be shared with additional supervisory staff prior to departure.

The Visit Leader will ensure that all parents of children on their trip are provided with all information required and that any questions raised are answered prior to the trip taking place.

The Visit Leader named for each visit will have overall responsibility for the visit whilst it is underway.

The Visit Leader will liaise with the EVC throughout the planning and preparation of their trip.

The Visit Leader or EVC (on the visit leaders' behalf) will evaluate their trip on EVOLVE.

Supervisory staff

All staff assisting with supervision on any trip will be conversant with their responsibilities as stated in the Policy Handbook for Educational Visits. They should feel confident to challenge any unsafe practice observed.

All staff will ensure that the requirements of any risk assessments, risk control procedures and safe systems are followed.

All staff will ensure that once the trip has started, where any previously unforeseen hazards or risks are identified they are brought to the attention of the Visit Leader.

Staff will feedback information to the Visit Leader to enable a full evaluation of the trip to be completed.

3. Arrangements

Proposals

The Visit Leader will submit a proposal to the appropriate EVC before starting an Evolve notification. The Evolve notification for approval must be submitted within the following timescale for each category of visit to the EVC.

Category	Latest date for submission to the EVC
1- Sports fixtures	1 week in advance
2- Regular curriculum	3 weeks in advance
3- One off trips	4 weeks in advance
4- Overnight, overseas, adventurous, water-based	8 weeks in advance

The EVOLVE notification must be completed for all category 2,3 and 4 visits.

Parents should be given sufficient information to enable them to make an informed decision as to whether their child should participate in the visit taking place outside school hours. They must sign the relevant consent form(s) and ensure emergency contact number(s) and all relevant medical details are up to date via

Curriculum activities taking place within the school day do not require individual consent. Annual consents are increasingly popular - there is no requirement to sign codes of conduct and trip checklists for every trip. Where coach or minibuss travel is to be used it must be in accordance with BDAT regulations.

Notification

Notification will be made using EVOLVE within the time scales in 3.1.1.

The Visit Leader is responsible for planning the visit and completing the Evolve notification.

The EVC (delegated by the Headteacher) will provide guidance to the Visit Leader to enable them to carry out this task.

Undertaking the visit

Once the notification has received approval, the visit will commence in accordance with the itinerary and activities planned. Any deviation from the itinerary or planned activities must be considered by the Visit Leader and a dynamic risk assessment made prior to the alteration taking place.

A record of alterations must be kept of all such instances for evaluation and review purposes. Any accidents that result in a pupil or member of staff having to go to hospital must be telephoned to the school contact immediately. Upon receipt of any such calls the school contact will immediately inform the Health and Safety team at Bradford Council.

Monitoring

The school will monitor the implementation of this policy by ensuring that the documentation required has been produced to a satisfactory standard.

On occasions the Headteacher, Senior Leader or member of the Governing Body will accompany a group. The school may also request that BDAT undertake a monitoring visit of a planned trip or conduct an audit of their educational visit process. This will be used for the school's own monitoring purposes.

Evaluation and Review

An evaluation will be completed on EVOLVE within 28 days of the visit.

The Visit Leader will report any significant issues with the visit to the EVC/Senior Leaders for future planning purposes.

Every visit will be reviewed by the Visit Leader.

The results of the evaluation and review process will be available to the Headteacher via EVOLVE.